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Sheep on Farms, January 1, 2015

Statistics Canada's semi-annual survey estimates sheep and lambs on **Saskatchewan** farms at 102,000 head on January 1, 2015 – up one per cent from January 1, 2014.

The survey reported:

- a 0.7 per cent decrease in total sheep numbers and
- a 3.5 per cent increase in total lamb numbers.

Western Canada's sheep and lamb inventories are estimated at 351,000 head – down two per cent from 358,000 on January 1, 2014.

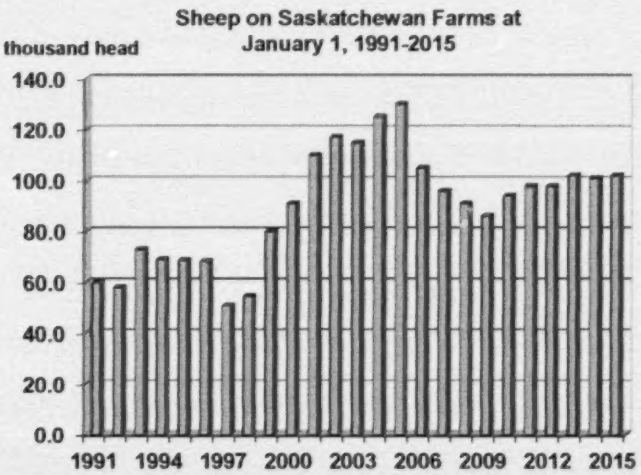
- the number of sheep was down 1.9 per cent from 2014; and
- the number of lambs decreased 2.1 per cent from 2014.

Eastern Canada's inventory was estimated at 507,600 on January 1, 2015, down two per cent from January 1, 2014.

- the number of sheep was down 1.5 per cent; and
- lamb inventory was down 2.3 per cent from 2014.

Total sheep and lamb inventories in **Canada** were estimated at 858,600 head on January 1, 2015, a decrease of 1.8 per cent since January 1, 2014.

- the number of sheep was down 1.6 per cent; and
- the number of lambs decreased 2.2 per cent from a year ago.



Sheep on Farms

	January 2015	January 2014	% 15/14
	head		
Saskatchewan			
sheep	60 100	60 500	99.3
rams	2 900	3 000	96.7
ewes	57 200	57 500	99.5
lambs	41 900	40 500	103.5
replacement	8 900	9 000	98.9
market	33 000	31 500	104.8
total	102 000	101 000	101.0
Western Canada			
sheep	212 000	216 000	98.1
rams	10 800	11 000	98.2
ewes	201 200	205 000	98.1
lambs	139 000	142 000	97.9
replacement	33 300	34 600	96.2
market	105 700	107 400	98.4
total	351 000	358 000	98.0
Eastern Canada			
sheep	356 000	361 500	98.5
rams	14 400	14 800	97.3
ewes	341 600	346 700	98.5
lambs	151 600	155 200	97.7
replacement	46 700	50 200	93.0
market	104 900	105 000	99.9
total	507 600	516 700	98.2
Canada			
sheep	568 000	577 500	98.4
rams	25 200	25 800	97.7
ewes	542 800	551 700	98.4
lambs	290 600	297 200	97.8
replacement	80 000	84 800	94.3
market	210 600	212 400	99.2
total	858 600	874 700	98.2

Source: Statistics Canada

Sheep on Saskatchewan Farms, January 1, 1991-2015

	total	breeding herd		lambs	
		rams	ewes	replacement	market
		thousand head			
2015	102.0	2.9	57.2	8.9	33.0
2014	101.0	3.0	57.5	9.0	31.5
2013	102.0	3.1	58.0	10.2	30.7
2012	98.0	2.9	57.2	9.3	28.6
2011	98.0	2.8	56.9	8.0	30.3
2010	94.0	2.8	53.5	7.7	30.0
2009	86.0	2.7	50.1	7.5	25.7
2008	91.0	2.9	51.8	11.4	24.9
2007	96.0	3.0	52.5	13.5	27.0
2006	105.0	2.8	51.0	13.7	37.5
2005	130.0	3.0	65.2	14.1	47.7
2004	125.0	2.7	61.7	13.6	47.0
2003	115.0	2.8	60.0	12.5	39.7
2002	117.2	2.7	62.6	14.8	37.1
2001	110.0	2.8	61.6	13.8	31.8
2000	91.0	2.6	54.1	11.5	22.8
1999	80.0	2.3	40.1	10.8	26.8
1998	54.7	1.9	34.1	5.9	12.8
1997	50.7	2.0	33.0	6.5	9.2
1996	68.2	2.0	38.2	7.3	20.7
1995	68.6	2.0	36.9	6.4	23.3
1994	69.0	1.9	36.3	4.7	26.1
1993	73.0	2.2	40.8	5.3	24.7
1992	58.0	2.3	36.4	9.0	10.3
1991	60.0	1.9	36.5	7.5	14.1

Source: Statistics Canada